

8. Concur. As a matter of fact, the IG's recommendations describe long-established office policy governing the Current Intelligence Bulletin.

- a. With reference to the number of articles published, the Board Chairman and all members are fully aware that the Bulletin is restricted to matters of major importance to the policy makers. Furthermore, it has always been office policy that a blank issue should be forthcoming on any day on which there was no intelligence at hand pertinent to any matter of major importance.
- b. With reference to the IG's caveat against extreme brevity: Current Intelligence reporting must be brief and at the same time sufficiently comprehensive and detailed to avoid giving a misleading or superficial impression. In order to achieve the right balance in reporting, the office provides an elaborate routine through which each article must go before coming to the Board for substantive review and selection. In the course of preparation the desk of primary interest, the initial drafter, must coordinate the article with desks of parallel or secondary interest for the obvious purpose of assuring that related facts and interpretations are brought to bear and into focus. This is the responsibility of the division of primary interest. The action taken is recorded on each copy of the resulting working draft of the article together with the name and extension of the officers involved, including the division supervisor who finally approves the draft for submission to the Production Staff.

Attached to a draft article, submitted to the Production Staff for consideration by the CIB Board, are the supporting documents which form the basis of the article. Meanwhile, in so far as time permits, the Chairman and Board members have been alerted to the articles on the agenda, either by receipt of a copy of the draft or by notification of subject and principal document of information. In this way the Board and its Chairman are briefed before convening in formal session. At the same time copies of draft articles are passed to the office of the Assistant Director so that, although not present at the Board, the AD is informed of its problems for the day and can give direction as necessary.

As part and parcel of the Board's task in judging the accuracy and significance of an article and in developing its context and interpretation by critical discussion, it is a major pre-occupation of the Board to read for the layman and to assure